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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF LEON TEMPLESMAN REPRESENTATIVE

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1. PALTAUF CALLED ON EMBASSY JULY 24 AS SCHEDULED. GOB APPARENTLY HAD RECEIVED NO WORD CONCERNING REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT KHAMA FROM THEIR WASHINGTON EMBASSY, AND PALTAUF SOUGHT OUR ASSISTANCE IN ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE SUCH A MEETING. WE EXPRESSED OUR WILLINGNESS TO DO SO, BUT CAUTIONED PALTAUF CONCERNING THE NEED TO MAINTAIN A STRICT AND PROPER SEPARATION OF SORENSON'S SOCIAL CALL ON PRESIDENT FROM TEMPLESMAN'S PRESENTATION OF PROPOSAL TO SET UP A DIAMOND CUTTING AND POLISHING OPERATION. PALTAUF EXPRESSED COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF AND AGREEMENT WITH OUR POINT.

2. THE QUESTION BECAME ACADEMIC IN ANY CASE, SINCE PRESIDENT'S FULL SCHEDULE PROHIBITED HIM FROM RECEIVING SORENSON ON JULY 26. NEVERTHELESS, PALTAUF CALLED EMBASSY JULY 27 BEFORE LEAVING TO REPORT THAT THEY HAD HAD A VERY SATISFACTORY MEETING WITH MINISTER OF MINERAL RESOURCES AND WATER AFFAIRS CHIEPE AND PERMSEC NGANUNU THE DAY BEFORE. HE SAID HE HAD SPOKEN AFTERWARD TO MRWA ECONOMIC ADVISOR CHARLES JOHNSON (US CITIZEN), WHO TOLD HIM THAT HE CERTAINLY HAD SEEN THE MOST IMPORTANT AND AUTHORITATIVE GOB OFFICIALS ON THAT SUBJECT, AND THAT HE

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(JOHNSON) WAS SURPRISED AT THE CONSIDERABLE LENGTH OF THE MEETING. JOHNSON SAID FURTHER THAT TEMPLESMAN'S TIMING WAS "EXCELLENT" IN THAT A YEAR EARLIER (WHEN THE PROPOSALS HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN SOUGHT) GOB WAS REALLY NOT IN A POSITION TO PROCEED WITH SETTING UP A DIAMOND CUTTING AND POLISHING OPERATION. NOW, HOWEVER, PREPARATIONS HAD ADVANCED TO THE POINT WHERE SERIOUS AND EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION COULD BE GIVEN TO WHICHEVER

PROPOSAL WAS SELECTED BY GOB. IN RESPECT OF TIMING, AND ATTITUDE
OF GOB, JOHNSON THOUGHT TEMPLESMAN'S PROPOSAL HAD AT LEAST
EQUAL CHANCE OF BEING SELECTED. WE TOLD PALTAUF WE WOULD KEEP
IN TOUCH WITH JOHNSON AND APPRISE HIM OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.
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